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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants through counsel herewith submit a copy of the patents as set forth in the attached form PTO-1449.

The enclosed references were cited in a Communication issued by the Japanese Patent Office on December 10, 2002 (copy enclosed). Applicants hereby certify that the above items of information were first cited in any communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three (3) months prior to the filing of this Statement.



Applicants hereby petition for the consideration of the attached references.

Enclosed is a check for \$180.00 to cover the cost of the petition fee as set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§1.17 (i). See 37 C.F.R. §1.97 (d).

It is respectfully requested that the attached documents be made of record in the present application.

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